

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 31 through page 2, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

An objective of the present invention is to eliminate the aforementioned customer-unfriendliness by placing the code electronically or magnetically on the card. This creates a prepaid electronic or magnetic scratchcard, for example a prepaid chipcard with an electronic scratch code, thus greatly reducing the string of numbers the user must key in. If the code occurs on a chipcard in electronic form, however, a danger exists that the code will be copied to another chipcard, thus facilitating fraudulent use. A possibility for combating fraud is to use a simple electronic lock to protect the electronic code against copying attempts. However, a simple electronic lock provides insufficient proper protection. Knowledge of how to unlock an electronic scratchcard's lock means the same unlocking will be usable for all other electronic scratchcards. To improve protection of the electronic code, relatively expensive ~~logies are~~ logic is required on the electronic scratchcard according to the state of the art.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

An objective of the present invention is to eliminate the disadvantages of the prior art and to provide a method and a system for enabling an electronic or magnetic code on a prepaid

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card to be used to scratch open the prepaid card securely, without the need for relatively expensive ~~logics~~logic to be present on the prepaid card.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

For this purpose, the invention embodies a method for using an electromagnetic scratchcard to provide services between a terminal accessible to a service user and an infrastructure that comprises a network and a server of a service provider, ~~whereby~~ where an activation code is present in electronic or magnetic form on the electromagnetic scratchcard and ~~whereby~~ the activation code is used to activate a card balance that is associated with the electromagnetic scratchcard and is accessible to the server.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

To read out the activation code from the electromagnetic scratchcard, it is first necessary, in one embodiment, to offer to the electromagnetic scratchcard an activation challenge associated with the electromagnetic scratchcard. To verify whether the offered activation challenge is correct, the activation challenge is compared, by means of simple ~~logics~~logic, with an initial challenge present on the electromagnetic scratchcard in electronic or magnetic form. If the activation challenge is correct, the activation code will be released.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3,
line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

According to this invention, the offered activation challenge can, in a further embodiment, be stored on the electromagnetic scratchcard. A result present in electronic or magnetic form on the electromagnetic scratchcard will be assigned the value of the activation code, by means of simple ~~legies~~logic on the electromagnetic scratchcard, provided that the offered challenge is correct. If an incorrect activation challenge is offered to the electromagnetic scratchcard, the result will be assigned an error code. In this way, instances of attempted fraud will be recorded on the electromagnetic scratchcard. The result will be sent via the service provider's infrastructure to the server where verification will occur of whether the result has the correct value necessary to activate the electromagnetic scratchcard.